

but to the Guatemalan people I say this:

You are not alone, and you cannot give up. Many of us here in the United States Congress understand your challenges. We understand what you are facing, and many of us refuse to believe the lies peddled by the corrupt political class and their lobbyists. And many of us will continue to stand with you, and we will keep on fighting for your cause because we know that it is our cause, too. We know that a more just and democratic Guatemala is only in the best interests of ours, as well, and we know that you want for your children the same thing that we want for our American children.

I am confident that one day Guatemala will have a government that is worthy of its people, a government that works to advance justice, not to undermine and eliminate it; and one day, the United States Government will once again support the fight against corruption in Guatemala, and together, as partners, we will work toward a brighter and more prosperous and more democratic future.

So in closing I say to my colleagues, we cannot give up on the Guatemalan people. And to the Guatemalan people I say:

Do not give up on your future. Even in the darkness, we must look for signs of hope.

And in 1990, a brave anthropologist named Myrna Mack was killed by a military death squad for speaking out about the abuses against indigenous Guatemalans, but her sister Helen worked to bring justice in her case and helped lead the effort to create CICIG. And now Myrna Mack's daughter Lucrecia is going to be a member of the Guatemalan Congress.

So we must remember Pablo Neruda's words: "They can cut all the flowers, but they can't stop the spring."

A TOPIC THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a former FBI supervisory special agent and Federal prosecutor and as a strong advocate for civility to speak on a topic that must be addressed.

In our country, political discourse has disintegrated to a degree that is completely unacceptable. Political opponents label each other as enemies, and differences of opinion are met with slander and, oftentimes, with violence.

I have never remained silent on this issue. When White supremacists murdered a 32-year-old protestor in Charlottesville, Virginia, I expressed my outrage. When violent clashes erupted in Berkeley, California, in 2017, I also spoke out.

Recently, in Portland Oregon, a journalist was assaulted by Members of the

militant antifa movement. This journalist was covering an ongoing protest and suffered a brain hemorrhage, requiring overnight hospitalization.

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Mr. Speaker, violence and hatred by any actor on any level is completely unacceptable. What is deeply troubling is antifa's history of provoking and stoking political violence, along with encouraging civil unrest, to dissuade those who do not share their beliefs from exercising their First Amendment rights.

In addition to the incident in Portland, antifa has tried to incite riots in Washington, D.C., following President Trump's inauguration, and several antifa members in Philadelphia, right outside of my district, were arrested following an assault on Marine reservists. The charges they face include aggravated assault, ethnic intimidation, and conspiracy, among others.

Antifa has no desire to protest peacefully, no desire to learn from other people's experiences, and no desire to be receptive to fair and rational ideas outside of their own. They resort to violence and eschew peaceful demonstration at every turn.

I recently sent a letter to Attorney General Bill Barr, demanding the Department of Justice initiate proceedings to designate antifa as a domestic terrorist organization to protect the welfare of journalists and also the general public. I have asked my former colleagues at the FBI to do the same.

Political violence has no place in our society. In my career in law enforcement, I have seen firsthand how violence erodes civil society. We must not give a pass to any organization that perpetuates a vicious cycle of hatred and ignorance.

Antifa must be designated as the domestic terrorist organization that it is.

MAKE AUGUST 16 NATIONAL INDEPENDENT WORKER DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. MOOLENAAR) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, independent workers are vital to our country and the strong economy that we are enjoying today, with unemployment under 4 percent, wages rising, and Americans keeping more of their own money, thanks to tax reform.

These millions of workers are pursuing the American Dream of working for themselves, including contractors, consultants, freelancers, and small business owners. They embody the principles and values of our country's Declaration of Independence by truly representing what it means to be free. They are found across every profession, income level, industry, party, race, religion, gender, and geography.

That is why I am joining with the Association of Independent Workers in

calling for August 16 to be National Independent Worker Day.

This special recognition of independent workers' vital role in our Nation's economy is long overdue. As more and more Americans choose to take this career path, I will keep fighting to make sure Washington stays out of their way and allows them to innovate and succeed.

I am proud to support all the independent workers in my district and throughout this great Nation.

HONORING CONSERVATIVE WRITER RUSSELL
KIRK

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Dr. Russell Kirk, a political theorist, moralist, historian, and literary critic, in honor of a historical marker being placed at his beloved home in Mecosta in my district in Michigan next month.

For over 40 years, Dr. Kirk taught students about political theory, culture, and virtue. He also wrote more than 30 books. Today, his legacy lives on through the Russell Kirk Center under the gracious leadership of his wife, Annette.

Dr. Kirk is considered one of the pre-eminent thinkers of his time. His first book, "The Conservative Mind," has shaped the modern ideas of American conservatism.

Dr. Kirk found his true joy in addressing college audiences because he believed the key to the lasting success of conservative ideas rested on shaping the cultural and moral beliefs of the next generation.

In his books, articles, speeches, and interviews, Dr. Kirk's wisdom has shaped the thinking of generations of conservatives around the world.

His ideas have personally helped me in forming my own beliefs, and it is a privilege to pay special tribute to Dr. Kirk and his legacy today.

CELEBRATING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Home Instead Senior Care.

Since 1994, when Lori and Paul Hogan founded Home Instead in Omaha, Nebraska, it has provided personalized care, support, and education to aging adults and their families.

Today, this network is the world's leading provider of in-home care services for seniors, with more than 1,100 independently owned and operated franchises that provide more than 75 million hours of care throughout the United States and 12 international markets.

Home Instead Senior Care offices employ 75,000 caregivers worldwide who provide basic support services that enable seniors to live safely and comfortably in their own homes for as long as possible.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the dedicated men and women of Home Instead

Senior Care, who for 25 years have enhanced the lives of seniors and their caregivers in the United States and throughout the world.

HONORING SARATOGA'S MARYLOU WHITNEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK) for 5 minutes.

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marylou Whitney, the "Queen of Saratoga," who, sadly, passed away on July 19 at the age of 93.

Marylou embodied the spirit of a revitalized Saratoga. She was graceful, classic, sparkling, full of joy, and truly one of a kind. Most of all, she loved her community and gave so much of herself to it.

She had a passion for horse racing and was a fixture of the Saratoga Race Course. She hosted a yearly racing season ball for many decades, where proceeds benefited track workers and local organizations like Saratoga Hospital. She was active and involved in philanthropy until her last months.

Her generosity, energy, and compassion were unmatched. She was the founder of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center and the National Museum of Dance.

Marylou often called Saratoga one of her favorite homes, and those of us in the community are unsurprised by this. It is a community like no other, and Marylou made it better for all of us. Her deep commitment will leave a mark on Saratoga for generations to come.

I want to express my sincere condolences to Marylou's husband, John Hendrickson, and her entire family.

I consider it an honor to have known Marylou Whitney and an honor to speak her memory into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. She will be missed.

HONORING ADIRONDACK'S RANDY PRESTON

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Randy Preston, Wilmington Town supervisor, former chairman of the Essex County Board of Supervisors, former volunteer firefighter, former fire chief, and fierce advocate for Essex County and the Adirondack region.

After a long, courageous fight with an aggressive brain tumor, Randy, sadly, passed away on July 18. He was 60 years old.

He was a bipartisan leader on behalf of Essex County. He voted for the interests of the people, was beholden to no one, and let no one deter him. He was, undoubtedly, a champion for those he represented.

Randy's missions and advocacies for the Adirondack region were innumerable. He was passionate about lowering our tax burden and ensuring we had ample funding for lifesaving emergency medical services.

He was known not only for his staunch advocacy but for his sense of humor, his unapologetic convictions,

and his willingness to shoot straight and be honest with people, whether a Governor or a Congresswoman.

He was quick to tell me when he thought a policy was right for his community and just as quick to tell me when he thought a policy was wrong.

Mr. Speaker, I express my deepest sympathies to Randy's wife, Michelle, and his entire family. It is a sincere honor to enter Randy Preston's memory and achievements into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HONORING MARIANO RIVERA, FIRST UNANIMOUS INDUCTEE INTO BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, the hallowed halls of the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, welcomed six inductees last weekend.

In 80 years, baseball has honored 232 players as the best of the best. Only about 1 percent of the 19,500 who played the game are enshrined here.

As a proud New Yorker, I can say the hall includes 60 Yankees, and the bronze busts of Bronx Bomber behemoths include Ruth, Berra, Gehrig, Mantle, DiMaggio, Jackson, and more.

I rise today to honor Mariano Rivera, the first unanimous inductee into the Hall of Fame.

Mo, the Sandman, wore the Yankee pinstripes with honor, pride, humility, and dignity for 19 seasons. On the field, number 42 was a 13-time All-Star and won five World Series championships with the Yankees, including being named MVP in 1999.

Mo racked up a record 672 saves. His cutter is legendary. He amassed 1,173 strikeouts and had a postseason ERA of 0.7, allowing only 11 runs in 96 appearances, fewer postseason runs than the number of people who have walked the Moon.

Mo was the very definition of "automatic," as he was so often described.

Mariano is a man of faith and recognized the importance of family support through good times and struggles. He is a mentor, a teacher, and demonstrates quiet leadership that is far too scarce today.

Mr. Speaker, as a young boy in Panama, Mariano used a homemade glove of cardboard, tape, and netting. He had holes in his cleats when he tried out for the Yankees.

Through grit, hard work, and dogged determination, Mo achieved the very pinnacle of greatness in America's greatest game. He is the embodiment of the American Dream.

Mr. Speaker, I say to Mr. Sandman: Here's to you. I tip my cap.

CONGRATULATING SHAI McDONALD AND BRICE PATTERSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montana (Mr. GIANFORTE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two young Montanans who are among the best in rodeo.

In this month's National High School Finals Rodeo in Wyoming, Montana was well represented with competitors from across the State. The National High School Finals Rodeo drew about 1,500 finalists from 43 States, Mexico, Canada, and Australia.

Two Montanans won buckles for placing in the top 10 in their event. Shai McDonald of Gardiner took second in barrel racing, and Brice Patterson of Bozeman took fourth in bareback riding.

Rodeo is a time-honored tradition in Montana, and it is part of our way of life.

The outstanding work ethic and dedication of these young athletes allows them to compete and succeed at this high level.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Shai and Brice on their accomplishments at the National High School Finals Rodeo.

CONGRATULATING ARCHBISHOP NIKITAS LULIAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tarpon Springs native and devout University of Florida Gator and inspired Greek Orthodox theologian, Archbishop Nikitas Lulias, who will be enthroned this weekend in London as the Greek Orthodox archbishop of Great Britain under the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

Archbishop Nikitas has had a blessed life, which started with the retrieval of the Gold Cross in Tarpon Springs for the 1974 celebration of the Epiphany. His proud parents, my great-aunt and great-uncle, Gus and Kally Lulias, knew at that moment that Nikitas was destined for greatness.

Archbishop Nikitas has had an extraordinary ecclesiastical career. His devotion to orthodoxy and to the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate make him a worthy choice as the archbishop of Great Britain.

I wish this son of Tarpon Springs, Florida, and my constituent and my cousin, a blessed ministry.

Axios, which means worthy.

RECOGNIZING PUBLIC SAFETY AIRCREWS

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a group of heroes who work tirelessly to keep our country and communities safe.

Public safety aircrews ensure the safety of our domestic airspace, repeatedly operating in very hazardous conditions. They are also an essential form of support for first responders during disaster response and rescue missions.

Today, we honor the dedication and devotion that these public servants demonstrate and acknowledge those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

It is only right that a day is set aside to recognize the thousands of men and women who have served in this role. To that end, I am reintroducing a resolution today to recognize July 26 as National Public Safety Aviation Day.